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County Fire investigators confiscate 7,500 pounds of fireworks

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A multi-agency task force confiscated 7,500 pounds of dangerous and illegal fireworks over the weekend, according to County Fire officials, issuing 40 citations totaling \$50,000 in fines in the process. [Paul Sancya, Associated Press]

Thousands of pounds of fireworks were seized by a multi-agency task force during operations conducted over a two-day period, authorities said.

Led by the San Bernardino County Fire Department Investigations Unit, the task force confiscated 7,500 pounds of dangerous and illegal fireworks over the weekend, according to County Fire officials, issuing 40 citations totaling \$50,000 in fines in the process.

County Fire has partnered with law enforcement agencies to increase its vigilance in enforcing state and county firework laws in order to protect public health and safety as the county faces a dangerous wildland fire season.

Fire officials will be issuing citations for the illegal use, possession or storage of fireworks, with fines up to \$1,250 for the first offense with the possibility of arrest. Property owners may be cited if they allow fireworks to be possessed, stored or used on their property.

All fireworks that explode, shoot into the air or move along the ground are termed dangerous and are illegal anywhere in California. If a fire occurs due to the unsafe use of fireworks, the responsible persons are likely to face criminal charges and be held liable for damages, officials say.

Possession of any type of fireworks, including “safe and sane” fireworks, is against the law in any unincorporated area of the county. “Safe and sane” fireworks are only allowed in Adelanto, Barstow, Chino, Colton, and Rialto, as well as specific locations in Fontana, Grand Terrace and San Bernardino. All fireworks are illegal elsewhere in the county.

County Fire officials encourage residents to leave fireworks to the professionals and enjoy a local show in your community. A schedule of public firework shows in San Bernardino County can be found at sbcfire.org.

Residents can report illegal fireworks to local authorities or by calling the We-Tip Hotline at 1-800-472-7766 or www.wetip.com.

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20170606/county-fire-investigators-confiscate-7500-pounds-of-fireworks>

Tons of fireworks seized, \$50,000 in fines in 2 days in San Bernardino County

Brian Rokos, Press Enterprise

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A San Bernardino County multi-agency task force led by San Bernardino County Fire Department's Fire Investigations Unit seized 7,500 pounds of illegal fireworks during operations conducted on June 3 and 4, 2017. Courtesy of San Bernardino County Fire Department

A San Bernardino County multi-agency task force seized 7,500 pounds of illegal fireworks during operations on June 3-4, writing 40 citations totaling \$50,000 in fines, the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** said.

The department's Fire Investigations Unit led the enforcement, a news release stated.

Fire officials will be issuing citations for the illegal use, possession or storage of fireworks with fines up to \$1,250 for the first offense and the possibility of arrest. Property owners may be cited if they allow fireworks to be possessed, stored or used on their property, the release stated.

All fireworks that explode, shoot into the air or move along the ground are termed dangerous and are illegal anywhere in California. "Safe and Sane" fireworks bear the State Fire Marshal seal on the packaging and are allowed only in the following cities in the county: Adelanto, Barstow, Chino, Colton and Rialto, as well as specific locations in Fontana, Grand Terrace and San Bernardino.

The Fire Department urges residents to attend local shows instead of setting off their own fireworks. A schedule of public shows can be found at sbcfire.org.

Fire officials also urge residents to report illegal fireworks to local authorities or to We-Tip at 800-472-7766 or WeTip.com.

<http://www.pe.com/2017/06/06/san-bernardino-county-does-out-50000-in-illegal-fireworks-fines/>

Fire Investigators Seize 7,500 Pounds of Illegal Fireworks

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(photo courtesy of San Bernardino County Fire)

(PRESS RELEASE) A San Bernardino County multi-agency task force led by **San Bernardino County Fire Department's** Fire Investigations Unit seized 7,500 pounds of dangerous and illegal fireworks during operations conducted on June 3 and 4; Fire Investigators issued 40 citations totaling \$50,000 in fines for possession of illegal fireworks.

With San Bernardino County facing a dangerous wildland fire season, the San Bernardino County Fire Department (SBCoFD) is partnering with law enforcement agencies to increase its vigilance in enforcing state and county firework laws in order to protect public health and safety.

Fire officials will be issuing citations for the illegal use, possession, or storage of fireworks with fines up to \$1,250 for the first offense with the possibility of arrest. Property owners may be cited if they allow fireworks to be possessed, stored, or used on their property.

All fireworks that explode, shoot into the air or move along the ground are termed dangerous and are illegal anywhere in California. "Safe and Sane" fireworks bear the State Fire Marshal seal on the packaging and are only allowed in the following cities: Adelanto, Barstow, Chino, Colton, and Rialto, as well as specific locations in Fontana, Grand Terrace, and San Bernardino.

Please call the fire department in these cities for more information. All fireworks are illegal elsewhere in the county.

SBCoFD encourages residents to leave fireworks to the professionals and enjoy a local show in your community. A schedule of public firework shows in San Bernardino County can be found at sbcfire.org.

SBCoFD encourages residents to report illegal fireworks to local authorities or to WeTip at 1-800-47-ARSON or WeTip.com.

<http://www.vvng.com/fire-investigators-seize-7500-pounds-illegal-fireworks/>

Family, puppy escape garage fire in Adelanto

A family of seven was displaced Tuesday when a vehicle caught fire in the family's garage, San Bernardino County Fire spokesman Eric Sherwin said.

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San Bernardino County firefighter Jason Serrano administers oxygen to a puppy pulled from a house fire in the 14000 block of Kelly Street in Adelanto Tuesday. [Photo courtesy of the City of Adelanto]



A family of seven was displaced Tuesday when a vehicle caught fire in the family's garage, San Bernardino County Fire spokesman Eric Sherwin said. [Photo courtesy of the City of Adelanto]

ADELANTO — A family of seven was displaced Tuesday when a vehicle caught fire in the family's garage, **San Bernardino County Fire** spokesman Eric Sherwin said.

The report of a garage fire to a single-family residence in the 14600 block of Kelly Street came through at 2:56 p.m. By 3:20 p.m., County Fire crews had the blaze under control.

Sherwin said the Red Cross was requested for the displaced family, including two adults, three teenagers and two small children. It was likely that the home sustained some degree of smoke damage, making it unable to be occupied, but that was unconfirmed Tuesday.

One minor injury was treated on scene, according to Sherwin said.

Adelanto spokesman Michael Stevens said crews didn't only stop the fire from spreading beyond the garage, but they saved a puppy inside the home as well.

Firefighter Jason Serrano administered oxygen to the puppy that was pulled from the home, according to Stevens.

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20170606/family-puppy-escape-garage-fire-in-adelanto>

Firefighter rescues tiny puppy from Adelanto house fire

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A San Bernardino County firefighter cradles a small puppy that was rescued from a burning home in Adelanto Tuesday. (San Bernardino County Fire Department)

ADELANTO, Calif. (KABC) --

A small puppy was pulled from a burning home in Adelanto by a San Bernardino County firefighter Tuesday.

A photo shows the firefighter resuscitating the dog with an oxygen mask after it was rescued from the blaze on the 14000 block of Kelly Street.

According to the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**, the fire started in a vehicle in the driveway and spread to the residence, eventually reaching the attic.

The homeowners were able to rescue other puppies that were in the residence before firefighters arrived on the scene. The last puppy was found by firefighters after the fire was knocked down.

No other injuries were reported in the fire.

<http://abc7.com/news/firefighter-rescues-tiny-puppy-from-adelanto-house-fire/2069208/>

San Bernardino County Firefighter Saves Puppy From Adelanto Fire

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ADELANTO – In the afternoon of Tuesday, June 6th **San Bernardino County Fire Department** firefighters responded to a home in the 14000 block of Kelly Street in the City of Adelanto for the report of a fire.

The fire reportedly started in the garage area of the home at around 2:45 p.m. Firefighters were able to contain the fire and save the home with minimal damage. Firefighter Jason Serrano administered oxygen to a puppy pulled from the fire. No one was injured as a result of the fire.

<https://247headline.com/san-bernardino-county-firefighter-saves-puppy-from-adelanto-fire/#lightbox/0/>

Firefighters Help Puppy After House Fire in Adelanto

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(photo courtesy of Adelanto City spokesman Michael Stevens)

ADELANTO, Calif. (VVNG.com) Firefighters rescued a small puppy from a house fire that displaced a family of seven Tuesday afternoon.

Just before 3:00 p.m. **San Bernardino County Fire** responded to a structure fire in the 14000 block of Kelly Street in Adelanto.

When firefighters arrived they located a single-story home with heavy smoke showing. According to fire officials, the fire started due to a vehicle fire in the driveway.

It took firefighters approximately 20 minutes to extinguish the fire. The Red Cross responded to assist a family of seven that was displaced due to the fire.

According to an ABC7 news report, the homeowners were able to rescue other puppies that were in the residence before firefighters arrived on the scene. The last puppy was found by firefighters after the fire was knocked down.

Adelanto spokesman Michael Stevens said San Bernardino County Firefighter Jason Serrano administered oxygen to the puppy pulled from the house fire.

No injuries were reported as a result of the fire.

<http://www.vvng.com/firefighters-help-puppy-house-fire-adelanto/>

Fire tears through Lucerne Valley property late Monday

Paola Baker, Daily Press

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A blaze tore through several outbuildings at a property in Lucerne Valley late Monday. Despite firefighters' best efforts, two residents were left displaced by the blaze. [Photo courtesy of Apple Valley Fire Protection District]

LUCERNE VALLEY — A blaze tore through a property here late Monday, officials said, leaving two people displaced.

Reports of a structure fire at a home in the 32500 block of Garnet Road were received by San Bernardino County Fire Department firefighters at 10:15 p.m. County Fire spokesman Eric Sherwin said the blaze spread through several structures at the property, burning through many and damaging the main home.

Sherwin said the first medic engine arrived on scene at 10:39 p.m. and found a “medium-sized compound with multiple structures burning.”

“Firefighters immediately went into defensive attack mode,” Sherwin said. “They maintained the defensive attack mode throughout the entirety of the fire.”

Despite all efforts, several outbuildings were burned as flames tore through the property.

Firefighters were able to keep the flames from spreading to the main home, but Sherwin said it was damaged to the point that it couldn't be occupied. Red Cross was requested to assist its two residents.

Sherwin said firefighters remained on scene for several hours until the blaze was doused, aided by personnel from the Apple Valley Fire Protection District, the Big Bear Fire Authority and CALFIRE. After putting out the flames, firefighters remained on scene until 3 a.m. Tuesday for cleanup.

Sherwin said a fire investigator was requested to the scene. The cause of the blaze remains under investigation.

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20170606/fire-tears-through-lucerne-valley-property-late-monday>

Firefighters battle boat fire in San Bernardino field

Doug Saunders, The Sun

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San Bernardino County firefighters put out flames on an abandoned boat near the Santa Ana river bottom just west of Tippecanoe Ave. -- Rick Sforza Staff

SAN BERNARDINO >> Firefighters battled a boat fire Tuesday in the middle of a field near a Santa Ana River wash.

Shortly after 4:30 p.m., firefighters responded to a reported vegetation fire in the area near Tippecanoe Avenue and Sunnyside Drive.

Black smoke could be seen for miles.

Firefighters found an abandoned boat in flames. They knocked down the fire within minutes.

The area is known for homeless encampments.

<http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20170606/firefighters-battle-boat-fire-in-san-bernardino-field>